

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1905.

E. R. SYKES, B.A., President, in the Chair.

The President referred to the recent death of Professor George Bond Howes, F.R.S., a past President of the Society, and it was resolved that a message of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Howes, in which the Society might give expression to its sense of the deep loss suffered by Biology.

Mr. H. Fulton and Mr. F. G. Bridgman were appointed scrutineers.

The following report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their twelfth Annual Report, are able once more to record a year of satisfactory progress.

During the past twelve months four new members have been elected. On the other hand, seven have been lost to the Society—two by death, Dr. C. E. Beecher and Professor E. von Martens, two by retirement, and three by the action of Rule X.

The membership of the Society on December 31st, 1904, stood as follows:—

Ordinary members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88
Corresponding members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
						Total	163

At the end of the year 1903 the total membership was 165, and of 1902, 168.

The finances of the Society are in a thoroughly sound condition. After payment of all liabilities there is a balance of £24 2s. 2d. in the Treasurer's hands, whilst the sum of £50 still remains invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent. Stock.

Since the last Annual Meeting the first three numbers of Vol. VI of the ‘Proceedings’ have been issued, consisting of 182 pages and illustrated with 10 plates and 80 figures in the text.

The thanks of the Society are due to the following members, who have defrayed part of the cost of illustration, or have gratuitously furnished drawings for reproduction:—Rev. R. Ashington Bullen, R. H. Burne, S. I. Da Costa, Lieut.-Colonel H. H. Godwin-Austen, G. K. Gude, J. C. Melvill, J. H. Ponsoyby, H. B. Preston, E. A. Smith, I.S.O., G. B. Sowerby, H. Suter, and E. R. Sykes. Without this generous assistance the Society would not be in a position to issue such a fully illustrated publication.

Further, the thanks of the Society are specially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness it has been permitted, as in previous years, to hold its meetings in Burlington House."

On the motion of Mr. S. I. Da Costa, seconded by Capt. Peile, the above was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The Treasurer presented the statement of income and expenditure for the past year. This was passed on the motion of Mr. Da Costa, seconded by Capt. Peile.

The following were elected as Officers and Council for the year 1905 :

*President*.—E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.L.S.

*Vice-Presidents*.—Sir C. N. E. Eliot, K.C.M.G. ; Professor W. A. Herdman, F.R.S. ; B. B. Woodward, F.L.S. ; Henry Woodward, LL.D., F.R.S.

*Treasurer*.—J. H. Ponsonby, F.Z.S.

*Secretary*.—R. H. Burne, B.A., F.Z.S.

*Editor*.—E. A. Smith, I.S.O.

*Other Members of Council*.—W. T. Blanford, C.I.E., LL.D., F.R.S. ; S. I. Da Costa ; J. Cosmo Melvill, M.A., F.L.S. ; R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S. ; Rev. Canon Merle Norman, D.C.L., F.R.S. ; W. G. Ridewood, D.Sc., F.L.S.

The President delivered an address upon "Variation (including Teratology) among Recent Mollusca." On the motion of Dr. Henry Woodward, seconded by Mr. J. Cosmo Melvill, a vote of thanks was passed to the President for his address.

On the motion of Mr. G. K. Gude, seconded by Mr. H. Burnup, a vote of thanks was passed to the Retiring Members of Council, and to the Auditors and Scrutineers.

During the meeting the following specimens bearing on the subject of the Presidential Address were shown :—

By the President, on behalf of Mr. R. Welch : A series of specimens of *Helix nemoralis*, illustrating variation and left-handedness, and two reversed specimens of *Helicella Itala* from Bundoran; also other varieties of British land and fresh-water shells.

On behalf of Mr. A. G. Stubbs : A very remarkable series of deformations of *Planorbis spirorbis* and other fresh-water species, all collected in the same ditch, near Tenby.

On behalf of Mr. J. R. Le B. Tomlin : Three reversed specimens of *Helicella Itala* from Bundoran, and a long series of shells of *Helix nemoralis* (over two hundred) from the same locality, illustrating variation ; also two specimens of *Helix aspersa* grown together.

On behalf of Mr. Dautzenberg : A series of reversed specimens of land and fresh-water shells, including twelve species of *Helix* and examples of several other genera.

On behalf of Mr. E. A. Smith, I.S.O. : Dextral and sinistral specimens of *Littorina litorea*.

On behalf of Mr. R. Standen : Reversed specimens of *Helix Pisana*, *H. pomatia*, *H. aspersa*, *H. nemoralis*, *H. hortensis*, *Helicella virgata*,

*Helicigona arbustorum*, and *Limnæa stagnalis*, together with distortions of other land-shells.

By the President: A series of *Buccinum undatum* illustrating variation in size, shape, and sculpture, left-handedness, and duplication of the operculum, sinistral specimens of *Marginella*, *Gibbus*, and *Helix*, as well as distorted examples of *Littorina litorea* and colour varieties of *Helix picta*.

By Mr. G. K. Gude: Varieties of *Helix aspersa* from various parts of the world. Specimens of *Euhadra peliomphala*, *E. Luchuana*, and *E. quasita*. Sinistral forms of *Helicella virgata*, *H. Cantiana*, and *Helix pomatia*. Specimens of *Helicigona arbustorum* with corroded peristome.

By Mr. F. G. Bridgman: Specimens of the genus *Oliva*, showing colour variation.

By Rev. R. Ashington Bullen: An abnormal example of *Neritina pupa*.

By Mr. S. I. Da Costa: A coloured variety of *Pecten niveus*. A specimen of *Burtoa Arnoldi*, with eggs, from the Zambesi, and of *Burtoa Nilotica*, var. *crassa*, from Mashonaland.

By Mr. R. Bullen Newton: Specimens of *Distorsio* from the Upper Tertiary of Italy. Shells of this genus show constant irregularities in the form of the spire.

By Capt. Peile: Distorted specimens of *Euchelus*. Varieties of *Purpura carinifera* and of *Ariophanta levipes*, *Cypræa pallida*, and other genera.

By Mr. A. S. Kennard: A sinistral example of *Helicigona arbustorum* from Uxbridge. Fossil and recent specimens of *Pisidium amnicum* showing mended fractures.

By Mr. J. Cosmo Melvill: A reversed variety of *Acavus hæmastoma*; a monstrous form of *Conus arenatus*, with conspicuously turreted spire; a distorted example of *Cypræa stolidus*; and a specimen of *Oliva gibbosa*, var. *mediocincta*, Melv.

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ORDINARY MEETING.

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